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Applicant: MATSUOKA et al. Conf.: 9781
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For: GAS GENERANT COMPOSITION

REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

May 20, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated April 25, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending and stand ready for further action on the merits.

The Examiner has imposed an election of species requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121.

The Examiner has identified that the present claims contain three components:

- (A) The nitrogen-containing organic compound;
- (B) The oxygen-containing inorganic oxidizer; and
- (C) A third component which is at least one selected from items 1-4 of claim 1.